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Applicant : William Carter Carroll Bullard Art Unit : 2771
 Serial No. : 09/276,277 Examiner : Unknown
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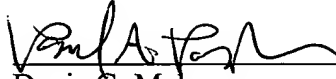
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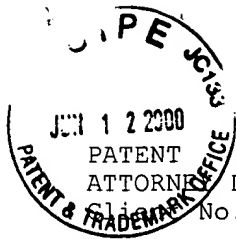
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the claims:

Please add the following new claims:

6. The method of claim 2, wherein correlating comprises:
updating the given flow state by changing the given
flow state to a rejected state.
7. The method of claim 6, wherein updating comprises:
updating information in the given flow state to
indicate whether a source or a destination is associated with the
message and the error event.
8. The method of claim 1, wherein mapping further
comprises:
reporting a stop indication in response to the change
of the given flow state to the rejected state.

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